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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims are set forth below. Cancelled and withdrawn claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED), (previously amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously added), (reinstated - formerly claim #), (previously reinstated), (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #) or, (previously re-presented).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for creating telecommunication account/subscription hierarchies via a network, where a telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy is used by an entity owning/controlling the hierarchy to manage telecommunication accounts/subscriptions in the hierarchy, the method comprising:

sending an account/subscription level invitation to one or more telecommunication entities to join a telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy, where the entities have respective telecommunication accounts/subscriptions;

receiving, from the one or more of the telecommunication entities, a one or more respective requests to join the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy based upon the account/subscription level invitation;

adding to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy one or more telecommunication accounts/subscriptions corresponding to the one or more requests to join the hierarchy; and

transferring value between two accounts/subscriptions in the telecommunications account/subscription hierarchy, where one is a pre-paid account/subscription and another is a post-paid account/subscription, and where one of the two accounts/subscriptions was added to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy by said adding; and

reloading one or more accounts/subscriptions in the hierarchy with configurable different values from another of the one or more accounts/subscriptions.

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2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a pre-paid account of a sender of the request.

3.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a post-paid account of the sender of the request.

4.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a pre-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a post-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

6.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a pre-paid account level invitation.

7.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a post-paid account level invitation.

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a pre-paid subscription level invitation.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the invitation is a post-paid subscription level invitation.

10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~-hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the entities are users and/or owners of pre-paid or post-paid mobile phones corresponding to accounts/subsocriptions.

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11-12. (CANCELLED).

13.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, wherein the one or more accounts are associated with different types of subscriptions.

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies via a network according to claim 1, further comprising:
        reloading one or more accounts with value from other accounts.

15.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for creating <u>telecommunication account/subscription</u> hierarchies via a network, <u>where a telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy is used by an entity owning/controlling the hierarchy to manage telecommunication accounts/subscriptions in the hierarchy, the method</u> comprising:
        means for sending an account/subscription level invitation to one or more ~~telecommunication~~ entities to join a <u>telecommunication account/subscription</u> hierarchy, <u>where the entities have respective telecommunication accounts/subscriptions;</u>
        means for receiving, from the one or more of the ~~telecommunication~~ entities, a <u>one or more respective</u> request<u>s</u> to join the hierarchy based upon the account/subscription level invitation;
        <u>an adding unit adding to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy one or more telecommunication accounts/subscriptions corresponding to the one or more requests to join the hierarchy; and</u>
        <u>a transfer unit</u> transferring value between two or more accounts/subscriptions, where one is a pre-paid account/subscription and another is a post-paid account/subscription, <u>and where one of the two accounts/subscriptions was added to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy by said adding unit</u> ~~and~~
        ~~reloading one or more accounts/subscriptions with configurable different values from another of the one or more accounts/subscriptions.~~

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16.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for creating telecommunication account/subscription hierarchies via a network, where a telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy is used by an entity owning/controlling the hierarchy to manage telecommunication accounts/subscriptions in the hierarchy, comprising:

sending an account level and/or subscription level invitation to one or more mobile phones to join a telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy, where the entities have respective telecommunication accounts/subscriptions;

receiving, from the one or more mobile phones, a one or more respective requests to join the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy based upon the invitation;

adding one or more accounts and/or subscriptions information to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy, the one or more added accounts and/or subscriptions corresponding to the one or more requests to join the hierarchy;

transferring value between two or more accounts and/or subscriptions added to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy and associated with the one or more mobile phones, where one is a pre-paid subscription and another is a post-paid subscription; and

reloading the one or more subscriptions with configurable different values from another of the one or more accounts; and

reloading one or more subscriptions and/or accounts in the hierarchy with value transferred from other subscriptions and/or accounts in the hierarchy.

17.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating customer hierarchies via a network according to claim 16, wherein the one or more subscriptions are subscriptions of different types.

18.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for automatically creating telecommunication account/subscription hierarchies without human processing via a network, the method comprising:

automatically sending an account/subscription level invitation to one or more telecommunication entities to join a telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy;

automatically receiving, from the one or more of the telecommunication entities, a one or more respective requests to join the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy based

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upon the account/subscription level invitation;

~~adding to the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy one or more telecommunication accounts/subscriptions corresponding to the one or more requests to join the hierarchy; and~~

transferring value between two or more accounts/subscriptions added to and in the telecommunication account/subscription hierarchy~~, where one is a pre-paid account/subscription and another is a post-paid account/subscription; and~~

~~reloading one or more accounts/subscriptions in the hierarchy with configurable different values from another of the one or more accounts/subscriptions.~~

19.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a pre-paid account of the sender of the request.

20.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a post-paid account of the sender of the request.

21.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a pre-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

22.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, further comprising adding information to the hierarchy, wherein the information comprises a post-paid subscription of the sender of the request.

23.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for automatically creating ~~customer~~

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hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the invitation is a pre-paid account level invitation.

24.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for automatically creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the invitation is a post-paid account level invitation.

25.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for automatically creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the invitation is a pre-paid subscription level invitation.

26.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for automatically creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the invitation is a post-paid subscription level invitation.

27.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies ~~without human processing~~ via a network according to claim 18, wherein the entities are users and/or owners of pre-paid or post-paid mobile phones.

28.   (CANCELLED).

29.   (CANCELLED).

30.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for automatically creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, wherein the one or more accounts are associated with different types of subscriptions.

31.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for automatically creating ~~customer~~ hierarchies without human processing via a network according to claim 18, further comprising:
automatically reloading one or more accounts with value from other accounts.

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